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ADJACENT SPINOUS PROCESSES

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.136

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Sir:

In the Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application dated May 7, 2004, a shortened period for response was set to expire on July 7, 2004.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), Applicants hereby petition the Commissioner for an extension of time for responding to the Office Action up to and including August 7, 2004.

The amount of the petition fee set by 37 C.F.R. §1.17 is determined as follows:

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<u> </u> \$ 950.00/\$475.00	Third
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TOTAL PETITION FEE \$55.00

The TOTAL PETITION FEE is included with the payment of other papers filed together with this petition.

The other papers enclosed or associated with this communication include:

- ✓ A Response to Notice to File Missing Parts is filed herewith.
- ✓ A Declaration for Patent Application
- ✓ An Assignment and Recordation Form Cover Sheet.
- ✓ "Small Entity" status for this application has previously been established.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiencies or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 06-1325. A duplicate copy of this authorization is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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